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Director to Tour Rosamond / Mojave Sites, Press Availability at 10:30

SACRAMENTO---- California Environmental Protection Agency's Director Ed Lowry of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will hold a 10:30 a.m. press advisory on Tuesday, May 25, at the Silver Queen Junkyard in Mojave, California. The press advisory is part of the Director's tour of sites in the Rosamond / Mojave area. In a joint effort with the state's Department of Health Services, DTSC investigated 34 industrial and hazardous waste sites to determine if the facilities could be linked to a cancer cluster.

Interested media should meet at the:

Location: *Silver Queen Junkyard*
**Silver Queen Road Extension - located one-quarter mile west of*
United Street in South Mojave.

Date: *Tuesday May 25, 1999*

Time: *10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.*

The Silver Queen Junkyard is currently undergoing state funded (\$200,000) remedial (cleanup) activities. A viewing section has been selected for media to observe, take photos, and shoot video.

The Silver Queen Junkyard began operations in 1963. The facility was used to recover lead from automobile batteries. In 1965 the operations expanded to include solder recovery. Operations ceased at the facility in 1970. After unsuccessfully trying to find additional responsible parties to pay for the necessary clean-up work, DTSC obtained state financing for this removal.

DTSC is one of the six boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting reduction.

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